

## Some Reasons

THE NEWS tells its readers that an effort was made to oust Senator Smoot from his senatorial seat because he was a Mormon. Some stranger reading that might believe it, hence it is proper to state the truth. Mr. Howell was all the time that controversy was going on a member of congress, but no one objected and Mr. Howell would be offended if anyone should say he was not as good a Mormon as Mr. Smoot.

Here are a few reasons why the effort was made to oust Mr. Smoot: He is an apostle. As such he has taken an oath to avenge the prophets.

As such his first allegiance is to the religious-political system, which is called "The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints."

A command from Joseph F. Smith would be of more weight to him than any law of the United States, which would conflict with that command, and the congress of the United States is supposed to be made up of men whose first fealty is to the government of the republic.

He was elected, not because he was a scholar, or statesman or because of services rendered to his state or to the United States, but because he was an apostle, which made his election a violation of the constitution of Utah, which declares that there shall be no union of church and state. Nor shall any church usurp any of the functions of the state. He had to ask the permission of the head of the church in order to become a candidate. He knew without that permission he would be overthrown in the election, that with that permission there were slaves enough to elect him.

As an apostle he has repeatedly endorsed, and continues to endorse the absolute rightfulness and righteousness of polygamy as a command and solemn sacrament of his church.

The above are some of the reasons why the loyal Americans of Utah thought he should be refused a seat in the senate of the United States, and because there were fifty more men in the senate who believed what he believes and practiced what he practices, the republic of the United States would pass away in a day and "the kingdom of God on earth" would be the government with headquarters at the corner of State and South Temple streets in this city.

The walls of the News that there are men who would, if they could prevent all Mormons from holding political office; that all they desire of Mormons is that they pay taxes, is ludicrous considering the past.

Will the News kindly look over its files for the first forty years after the first settlement of Utah and give to its readers a few figures?

How many gentiles ever held any political office here?

How many gentile teachers could be found in the schools of the territory?

How many gentiles could ever get employment here in all those forty years from Mormons?

Finally, will it, from the record, figure out anything that the Mormons wanted of gentiles "except to pay taxes?"

The man who listened to a phonograph play "The Holy City" while he murdered his wife undoubtedly had a nice ear for music, but was plainly lacking in logic; the poor woman had nothing to do with the invention of the phonograph or the writing of the song.

Ketchell's friends are nervous about his match with Langford. Evidently they fear he will Ketch'ell from the coon.

Tillman would tax the tea of the land for the benefit of a few growers in South Carolina. A change has come o'er the spirit of the dreams of Honest Ben. It's a far cry from the pitchfork to the teapot.

## TAFT SUSTAINS

By T. G.

Once virtue was its own reward, but in this latter day,

Something more substantial must accompany the pay;

For with rubber prices rising and gum shoes ascending, too,

Without official fodder what would "Fussy Jimmie" do?

For when he's not procumbent at the apostolic feet,

He is scooting 'round the corners on his rubber-tired beat;

And now that he has been sustained and set apart by Taft

He can buy a great variety without an overdraft.

Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown, the adage said,

But it mentioned not a "Kinky" crown or named a "Curly" head,

But it would not be amiss to say that both crowns felt a throb

After the incatenation which annexed James to his job;

For with some show of authority, someone or other says

That the function of the marshal is to represent the Pres

Between the Bee Hive and the White House he'll be going some, forsooth,

But will he put a kink in "Curly" or curl the kinks in Booth?

Will he now direct the Hessian in that worthy's fustian fits?

Will he outdo HARRY JOSEPH in conversing with his mitts?

Will he bunch the "we boys" closer so that all of them may know

All the orders every hour that will emanate from Joe?

Ah, the mysteries contained within that incandescent brow,

Are as nothing to compare with all the scheming churning now;

And in all of his appointments, he will put them on the grill,

If they ever dare to pay their ten per centum—(yes he will).

The summer is fairly well advanced, but has not yet reached that period where the June graduate is able to get his hat on without the assistance of a shoe-horn.

All is serene among the young Turks of Turkey, and even the young turks of America do not yet discern the Thanksgiving cloud on the horizon.

The new tariff advances the duty on lemons a quarter of a cent a pound. The duty of handing them to one's friends remains unchanged.

Bailey is making a show of himself as leader of the minority, but still something lacks, Barnum is missing.

Roosevelt's press agent is evidently able to sit up and take nourishment again. What lion offered to bite Teddy is a matter of no consequence, but we should like to get the name of the dentist that supplied the animal with teeth.

The tariff bill has passed the Senate, and Senator Smoot is finally out of the trough.

Taft favors a tax on corporations. Of course, his own bay-window is exempt.

## WIZARD OF THE WASATCH.

Not in years has any city been given a carnival idea so quaint and effective and one so full of possibilities as the "Wizard of the Wasatch," which is just now occupying so much of the attention of the moving spirits of the Commercial club. The wizard in legendary supposition abides in the Wasatch range and watches over the industries of these mountains and the valley and its folk as a guardian father. From centuries of retirement he makes his first excursion on from his mountain retreats into Salt Lake the first night of the G. A. R. encampment, Aug. 9, twenty-five masked and cloaked horsemen, mounted on white steeds, will meet the wizard at the mouth of Emigration canyon, escort him to the monument, where one hundred more masked horsemen, a hundred or more Indians and a big escort will greet him. After a parade of the principal streets he will go to the Commercial club and there be greeted by Governor Spry, Mayor Bransford and Commander-in-Chief Nevius of the G. A. R.

Of course, these arrangements have been made on the spur of the moment. The idea, however, is splendid and the possibilities for its evolution in future years are unlimited. With proper planning and ingenuity the coming of the wizard can be made one of the greatest annual carnivals among American cities, an event that from its very name and city could well afford to appropriate a good round sum to help materialize the idea next year. It's the best opportunity Salt Lake has had in a long time for country-wide advertising. The enthusiasm of the spirit is catching on, too, and on every hand there is talk and laughter for the wizard.

It is proposed to form an incorporated organization to carry out the plans for the carnivals, the association to be known as the Wards of the Wizard.

## AMERICAN DAY AT LAGOON.

Interest and enthusiasm in American day to be held at the Lagoon next Tuesday is steadily increasing and from indications one of the greatest crowds that ever thronged that popular resort will observe the occasion.

The entertainment arrangements provide for speeches, sports of all kinds and a general day of merriment and fun. The train service to the Lagoon is excellent and every facility will be provided to make the day a memorable one among the big, successful American days that have gone before. Every American who can get away for the afternoon should join the crowd and if not able to do that should help swell the evening throng.

## THE NEW HOTELS.

It would be rather difficult, even if anyone desired to, to ignore the activity on the old Deseret News corner, the site for the new hotel to be erected by the company recently formed by upper Main street business men. Working three shifts of men every twenty-four hours the company has practically completed its excavating and with the knowledge that the contract for the steel of the building has been let some two months, working plans completed and most of the sub contracts for the structure let, there is just a hint in the air that those associated in the project are doing all they can to steal a march on those gentlemen who are back of the project to erect the Newhouse hotel on lower Main. In fact the hint has developed so appreciably the last few days that it was remarked during the week at one of the downtown clubs by one in a position to know that if money and men can do it, the upper Main street hotel will be erected and occupied before the Newhouse structure is complete.

Dustin Farnum and Mrs. Farnum are in Maine, and Mr. Farnum is quite ill.